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IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) An electronic settlement system to settle a transaction using a telecommunication network, comprising:
 - ~~a settlement apparatus which performs said settlement of the transaction;~~
 - a billing terminal ~~connecting to said settlement apparatus via said telecommunication network~~ for performing billing of said transaction; and
 - a paying terminal ~~connecting to said settlement apparatus via said telecommunication network~~ for performing paying of said transaction, wherein: said paying terminal allowing a user to input information;
 - a settlement apparatus for registering said paying terminal and performing said settlement of the transaction taking place between said billing terminal and said paying terminal via said telecommunication network, said settlement apparatus providing a transaction identifying number relating to the transaction with said billing terminal and presenting said transaction identifying number via said telecommunication network;
 - wherein said settlement apparatus performs said settlement of transaction by synchronizing synchronizes a communication to said billing terminal with a communication to said paying terminal when said settlement apparatus sets up a transaction identifying number which identifies said transaction and when said paying terminal transmits to said settlement apparatus the same transaction identifying number as said transaction identifying number receiving said transaction identifying number as a user input information from said registered paying terminal.
2. (Original) An electronic settlement system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said billing terminal connects to said settlement apparatus via a commercial telephone line or a private line, and said paying terminal connects to said settlement apparatus via a radio telephone communication.
3. (Currently amended) A settlement apparatus for performing a settlement of a transaction, which communicates to a billing terminal performing billing of said transaction

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